basis of back-to-back agreements between Iran and Pakistan including through Pakistan to the Indian borders. No specific conditions for transmission or transit have been laid down so far.

Allotment of dealerships of LPG/Petrol outlets in Uttar Pradesh

†89. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps and gas agencies allotted by Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum, Hindustan Petroleum and IBP in Uttar Pradesh during the last financial year;

(b) whether Government are aware that allotment is not being made in an appropriate manner to the applicants belonging to the reserved categories; and

(c) whether Government are also aware that irregularities are being committed by the officials of Government companies in allotment of the petrol pumps and gas agencies?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) During the last financial year, i.e., 2003-2004, the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and IBP Co. Limited allotted 392 retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps) and 59 LPG distributorships (cooking.gas agencies) in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The OMCs conduct selection of dealers/distributors, including]hose belonging to the reserved categories, in accordance with the objective and transparent guidelines laid down for the purpose. Complaints, if any, received against such selection are dealt with in accordance with the grievance redressal system in vogue. Specific complaints brought to the notice of Government or the OMC concerned are enquired into promptly and appropriate remedial action taken.

Performance of Petronet LNG

90. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that Petronet LNG is registered as a private company;

(b) if so, the details of the Board Members of this company including the purpose for which this company was formed;

(c) whether the company has achieved the targets set by Government or its Board since its inception;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to relax the eligibility criteria for appointment of CEO of Petronet LNG; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) is registered as a private limited company under the Companies Act, 1956. PLL is promoted as a Joint Venture Company by GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) with 12.5% equity each. Balance 50% equity is with Gaz de France (10%), Asian Development Bank (5.2%) and with the Public/ Financial Institutions (34.8%).

(b) At present, there are three functional Board members of the Company including CEO&MD. Secretary (P&NG) is the ex-officio Chairman of the Company. ONGC, IOC, BPCL, GAIL, Gaz De France and ADB have one nominee Director each. Besides this, there are four more independent Directors in the Company. PLL was formed *inter alia,* to import, regassify and store LNG.

(c) and (d) PLL has successfully completed setting up of a 5.0, MMTPA LNG import and regassification terminal at Dahej in Gujarat. The work on the construction of the Dahej terminal commenced in January, 2001 and was completed in December, 2003. The commercial operations commenced in March-April, 2004. All the LNG deliveries have been on time. The project was completed in 36 months time.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. However, the Board of PLL have empowered a Search Committee to suggest the eligibility criteria for appointment to the post of CEO&MD, PLL.